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In response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2002, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 14, 31 and 44 as follows:

B1 14. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said support
surface is beveled away from said reverse surface at outer edges
of said nozzle to form a bevel adjacent to each of said outer
edges.

B2 31. (Amended) The twin belt caster of claim 18, wherein said
support surface is beveled away from said reverse surface at outer
edges of said nozzle to form a bevel adjacent to each of said
outer edges.

B2 44. (Amended) The nozzle of claim 35, wherein said support
surface is beveled away from said reverse surface at outer edges
of said nozzle to form a bevel adjacent to each of said outer
edges.